

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**At the last meeting of this Committee, a number of issues were raised that required further investigation.**

<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Officer details</b>
02/07 (Minute 238/07)	Rayleigh West Sewage Works – timescale for the implementation of additional/improved signage at Hullbridge, Battlesbridge and Rawreth Lane.	Erection of new signs anticipated shortly, but further advance signing is not planned at present.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
07/07 (Minute 239/07)	The Bridge on the Old Chelmsford Road – update on the progress of the feasibility study as to whether it might be possible to install traffic lights on the bridge	Battlesbridge – feasibility study is still being worked on.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
12/07 (Minute 286/07)	Survey of Vehicles Travelling on Rawreth Lane – Update on available data since the speed limit had been reduced from 40mph to 30mph.	Speed surveys were conducted along Rawreth Lane on 18/09/2003. This survey discovered that 85% of vehicles were travelling at approximately 39MPH or less. A further survey was conducted on 08/03/2005 (post reduction of speed limit) and 85% of vehicles were travelling at approximately 38MPH or less.	J Walker Essex Police 01268 775533

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13/07 (Minute 286/07)	Traffic Surveys – Update on feasibility of conducting traffic surveys in the vicinity of Hambro Hill/Downhall Road and in the vicinity of Wheatley Close/Purleigh Way/Bardfield Way.	<p>The following traffic surveys have been completed by Essex County Highways:-</p> <p><b>Little Wheatley Chase</b> – 14/03/2006. 85% of vehicles travelled at approximately 34mph or less.</p> <p><b>Purleigh Road</b> – 12/09/2006. 85% of vehicles travelled at approximately 32mph or less.</p> <p><b>Downhall Road</b> – Speed surveys were conducted on 28/04/2005 and 08/03/2007. These surveys discovered that 85% of vehicles travelled at approximately 28mph and 34mph respectively.</p>	J Walker Essex Police 01268 775533
14/07 (Minute 286/07)	Bridle Path, Sweyne Park – Update on exact timetable for completion.	Bridle path has now been completed.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
15/07 (Minute 286/07)	Bedloes Corner – Update on the planting of large areas of the field by Bedloes Corner	Area of land planted with shrubs many years ago as area was not used for any specific activity and any further football pitches would have been inappropriate due to the extent of car parking provision.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163

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16/07 (Minute 286/07)	Dog bins in Langham Road – Update on requests for additional dog bins in the alley way behind Langham Road, Rayleigh.	Inspection of this location and others across the District to take place in October to determine whether new bins can be installed. A verbal update will be given at the Committee meeting.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
17/07 (Minute 286/07)	Weeds along A1245 within Rochford Boundary – Essex County Council to be alerted to the presence of ragwort.	Work in hand to remove ragwort and weeds. Should be complete by 16 October.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
18/07 (Minute 286/07)	Large Road Sign Obscured on the A1245 – Essex County Council to be alerted to a large road sign being obscured by trees on the A1245 between the Carpenters Arms roundabout and the A127.	Work in hand to cut back vegetation. Should be complete by 16 October.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
19/07 (Minute 287/07)	Battlesbridge Conservation Area – Progress on establishing a joint forum for issues relating to the Battlesbridge Conservation Area.	Discussions underway with Chelmsford Borough Council to consider the possible arrangements for a joint forum. The intention would be to reach agreement for the joint forum to meet in the new municipal year.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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20/07 (Minute 287/07)	Additional Air Quality Monitoring – Update on air quality monitoring conducted from properties in the vicinity of Rawreth Industrial Estate.	We are still awaiting receipt of the air quality monitoring results from our consultants. Once these results have been assessed an update will be provided to the Committee.	S Blake Rochford District Council 01702 546366
21/07 (Minute 285/07)	How will the existing infrastructure – roads, schools, sewers, etc – cope with the extreme influx of c. 5000 people if 1800 homes are to be built in the area and what steps are being taken to ensure existing facilities are not overloaded to the detriment of existing residents/How will local community absorb this many houses?	The consideration of options for future housing through the preparation of the Rochford Core Strategy will include an assessment of the impact on existing infrastructure and the need for new infrastructure to be provided to accommodate the preferred development options.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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22/07 (Minute 285/07)	Why not concentrate on regeneration/directing additional housing further up the country?	This is a question to be addressed to the Government. The East of England Plan requires Rochford to provide a minimum of 4600 new homes in the district by 2021 – the Council is not able to influence this total. However, it should be noted that the recently published Housing Green Paper proposes that a proportion of the 3 million homes proposed to be built by 2020 should be built in the north, but of course, the overall numbers for the growth areas in the south are also proposed for increase.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
23/07 (Minute 287/07)	Unauthorised Travellers' Site on A1245	The Council is now considering the possibility of prosecuting the occupiers of this unauthorised site. However, the arrangements for dealing with unauthorised Gypsy and Travellers sites are complicated by the requirements to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Act and by a recent change in national planning policy, and the Council must carefully consider its position before determining the appropriate course of action to follow to deal with this matter.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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24/07 (Minute no 239)	Cutting of verges on green in Graysons Row	The Council has written to the owners of the land asking if it would be possible for the owners to remove the debris on the green. Once this is undertaken the Council will resume grass cutting activities again.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044